റാവു സഹിബ്ബ് ഐ എൻ. മേനോൻ: പ്രയോജനമില്ലാത്തതു് പിന്നെ കൊണ്ടുനടക്കണൊ?

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. കെ. നായർ: ഈ വിഷയം പാർട്ടിക്കാത്തതുകൊണ്ടാണു് അവിടന്നു് കുട്ടികൾ പുറത്തേക്കുപോകുവാൻ ഇടവരുന്നതെങ്കിൽ....

റാവുസാഹിബ്ബ് ഐ. എൻ. മേനോൻ: തീച്ചയായിട്ടും. അധികം കുട്ടികൾ അങ്ങിനെ പോകുന്നതായി എന്റെ അറിവിൽ പെട്ടിട്ടില്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ: സഹായധനം കൊടുക്കയില്ലെന്നു അവരെ ഉദ്യോഗത്തിനു വെച്ചു സമയത്തു പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

റാവു സാഹിബ്ബ് ഐ. എൻ. മേനോൻ: ഇതിൽ ഏതാണ്ടു് ൽം ശതമാനവും ഗവമ്മെണ്ടിൽനിന്നു ഗ്രാൻറു കിട്ടിയില്ലെങ്കിലും വേണ്ടില്ല, ഇവരെ വെക്കുവാനുള്ള അനുവാദം കിട്ടിയാൽമതിയെന്നു പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുള്ളവരാണു്.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether Koran teachers are included in this 75?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* They must be.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* If Koran teachers are not given proper encouragement may I know whether Government realise that the strength of the Muslim boys and girls will be affected?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Is it as a matter of protest?

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* If the Koran masters are not encouraged the Muslim boys and girls attending schools will be less.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Mr. President, in the first place the number of Koran teachers is very small.

Mr. President: You answer the question put by the Hon'ble Member.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Are the Government aware that the strength of Muslim boys and girls will become lesser?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* There had been no case made out actually of the Muslim pupils having left school during these years because the Muslim teachers have not been aided.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Do not the Government realise that if they are not aided they will not continue there?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* These persons were appointed on the distinct understanding that there will be no question of giving them any grant.

DEARNESS ALLOWANCE—SCHEME IN MAHI

107. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have come across the Dearness Allowance Scheme brought into effect in "Mahi",

(*b*) whether in view of the fact that the employees of the Government can hardly keep on the life and status expected with the present salaries they are or will be pleased to have a revision of salaries effected in the near future with retrospective effect at least from 1st Chingam 1119?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):*

(*a*) No.

(*b*) These times are abnormal and Government have granted dearness allowance to low paid subordinates to meet the situation.

Question No. 24

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I bring to the notice of the Chair that a promise was made by the Government on the floor of this House that some information relating to question No. 24 will be collected and given in the course of the Meeting which is coming to an end to-day.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Yes. I have got the details.

Mr. President: I do not quite understand how this arises as a supplementary question now?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* I will answer if you want.

Mr. President: We are still on our questions and answers. The time has just expired. Before we take up other business do you want the answer to the question put some days ago?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* I do not want to whip up the Government of Cochin. It is their duty, Sir, having given a promise to come out and give the answer to the question.

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Mr. President: What do you exactly wish ?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* I want to know whether they will answer question No. 24 in consonance with the promise made the other day.

Mr. President: Is the answer ready?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Yes. I have got it.

Mr. President: Answer the question.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* (*a*) 9,083 petitions.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Rs. 2,500

(*e*) No.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir.....

Mr. President: I understood that you had asked for some supplementary information. I cannot allow supplementary questions at this stage. You wanted some information and that information is now available.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Very well, Sir. We will take other opportunities.

MOTION REGARDING FOOD CONTROL MEASURES—*(cont.)*

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Sir, yesterday I stopped at the question of preserving tapioca. Now, we shall take up the problem of the sale of tapioca in retail. If the Government prepares any scheme for the wholesale purchase of tapioca, I may be allowed to submit that only in certain seasons, this will be possible. In selling tapioca to the people either through licensed dealers or through fair price shops, the Government should take special care not to cancel away the licenses given to the very large number of poor women who eke out their existence by retail sale of small quantities of tapioca. Some provision ought to be made to keep on this sort of retail sales in order to help a class of people of varied castes among the poorer classes who live upon the meagre profits received by the sale of tapioca. I have also to point out to the Government that though I am a very great sympathiser of Sanathenic Hindus, whether the time honoured west coast custom of the serving of boiled rice in Hindu temples, as offering to Gods can be substituted by boiled wheat may be considered after referring the matter to His Highness the Maharaja. If this is possible without causing trouble to the religious feeling of Hindus this change ought also to be taken to be a welcome one in these days of scarcity.

I also wish to point out to the attention of the Government that large areas of wet lands in the Mukundapuram Taluk belong to such big estates as the Koodalmanickam, Paliam, the V. T. K. Estate and also to the State Devaswams. There is a sort of feeling among the ordinary ryots in the Mukundapuram Taluk, that the Government do not take sufficient interest to commandeer the paddy collected in these estates. Whether rationing exists in the families benefited by these estates is not known to me. Among the other paddy producers of this Taluk there exists this complaint. But these people are afraid to bring these facts to the notice of the Government. Hence I take this opportunity. A word about the ban for the export of fish. I realise the attitude of the Government in banning the export of fish as far as it concerns the southern Taluks of the State such as Cochin-Kanayannur and Cranganur. In the northern taluks, north from Mukundapuram up to Talappilli, fish eaters in these areas depend mainly upon the sea fish which is being marketed in the State which has to pass through the British territory. Whether the Government cannot relax the order as far as the northern taluks are concerned have to be reconsidered by the Government. It is fortunate that there are not very severe restrictions imposed by the Madras Government inspite of this order of banning the export of fish at present. The natives of the Northern Taluks may be more benefited by the relaxing of this order in consultation with the Government of Madras. If the Government of Madras takes to the same policy of our Government I am afraid that all the fish eaters, especially in the western areas of this Taluks will suffer for want of proper food.

Then on the ban on the export of bananas. The Government ought to assure the Travancore Government that they will not object bananas being taken from Cochin-Kanayannur Taluk and Cranganur Taluk to the Northern Taluks of the States. The Travancore Government may be requested on this condition to relax the rule on export of bananas and yam to Cochin-Kanayannur and Cranganur Taluks only. We have also to relax the ban of export of bananas and yam as far as Travancore and British Cochin are concerned.

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